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SENATOR BURBACH: If that's the wish of this body then so be it. I don't agree with it.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: But that would be the logical order I assume?

SPEAKER: I presume by the action taken by this body, I presume that would be right.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well first of all I regret that Senator Carsten wasn't here because that probably made some difference. Let me tell you what this body said on Friday. Senator Murphy made the motion to move all the bills across. That was unacceptable to some people because they opposed some of the bills. There is one or two that I opposed. We said because of that we're going to vote on each and every one of them individually, or not vote at all, which was the process. If we had passed the Murphy amendment, obviously, that was the way it would have happened. Didn't happen this way. I believe the body has made a decision. In my judgement we ought to go right down Select File and take care of those. Then we get to General File and we can consider those three bills. I'd recommend that's the way we do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach. Your light's ... did you want to be recognized sir? Alright. The question is ... we have an amendment.

CLERK: I have an amendment to the Carsten amendment which reads as follows: "Amend the Carsten motion to return all of the Speaker's bills to General File for general debate". Signed, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think that that's the fair thing. If we're going to repudiate the action then let's go back and do it in the correct manner and start all over. I don't think that you can do it piecemeal as far as reconsidering Select bills ... there are a lot of other people who have had Select bills fail to advance. Most of the bills that advanced, I think, were reasonably non-controversial. There may be a couple there that are controversial, in that case we were wrong to advance those without debate because there may have been some of us voting for them who wouldn't want to vote for them. We didn't have an opportunity to make that judgement. If we want to be correct about it let's go all the way and go back to where we were last Friday and just start all over.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I very much wanted to stay out of the discussion, having a personal interest. It's gone too far. We're once more playing games. We started out with an agreement that preferred bills would be heard in an order determined by lottery, and that has been done. When we got to Friday it appeared that roughly a third of the people in this Legislature who had selected such a bill would not have their bill heard if it remained on General File on Friday. Accordingly I asked, and I felt in all fairness, that the entire block of bills be advanced to Select File where they